

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
MARSHALL DIVISION

TROVER GROUP, INC., and §  
THE SECURITY CENTER, INC., §  
§  
*Plaintiffs,* §  
§  
v. § CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:15-cv-001  
§ JURY DEMAND  
FIREKING SECURITY GROUP, §  
§  
*Defendant.* §

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**PLAINTIFFS' ORIGINAL COMPLAINT**

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1. Plaintiffs Trover Group, Inc. and The Security Center, Inc. (collectively "Plaintiffs" or "Security Center") file this, their Original Complaint for patent infringement. Plaintiffs assert claims for patent infringement of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,751,345 ("the '345 Patent") and 5,751,346 ("the '346 Patent"), copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibits "A" and "B" against Defendant FireKing Security Group under 35 U.S.C. § 271, *et seq.* In support thereof, Plaintiffs Trover Group, Inc. and Security Center, Inc. would respectfully show the Court the following:

**PARTIES**

2. Plaintiff Trover Group, Inc. ("Trover") is a Texas corporation with its principal place of business located at 101 East Park Blvd., Suite 600, Plano, Texas 75074. Trover was formerly known as Dozier Financial Corporation.

3. Plaintiff The Security Center, Inc. ("Security Center") is a Texas corporation with its principal place of business located at 10750 Forest Lane, Dallas, Texas 75243. Plaintiffs Security Center and Trover are sister corporations.

4. Defendant FireKing Security Group (“FireKing”) has its principal place of business located at 101 Security Parkway, New Albany, Indiana 47150. FireKing does business in the State of Texas and in the Eastern District of Texas. FireKing maintains a registered agent for service of process in Texas, and may be served through its registered agent, Corporation Service Company d/b/a CSC – Lawyers Incorporating Service Company, at 211 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 620, Austin, Texas.

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

5. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35, United States Code. This Court has exclusive subject matter jurisdiction over this case for patent infringement under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

6. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant FireKing. FireKing conducts business within the State of Texas and the Eastern District of Texas. FireKing directly or through intermediaries (including distributors, retailers, and others) ships, distributes, offers for sale, sells, and advertises its products in the United States, the State of Texas, and the Eastern District of Texas. FireKing has purposefully and voluntarily placed infringing products in the stream of commerce with the expectation that its products will be purchased by end users in the Eastern District of Texas. FireKing has committed the tort of patent infringement within the State of Texas and this District.

7. Venue is proper in the Eastern District of Texas under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and 1400.

8. In 2006, Trover enforced the ‘345 and ‘346 Patents against two infringers, Diebold Corporation and Verint Systems, Inc. by bringing separate actions for patent infringement in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Marshall Division, in Case Nos.

2:06-cv-445-TJW-CE and 2:06-cv-532-TJW-CE. The Court held a claim construction hearing and issued a claim construction order in the Diebold case. The 445 and the 532 cases were completely resolved and dismissed. Trover and Security Center also filed an action for patent infringement against Tyco Integrated Security, LLC; Sensormatic, LLC; ADT, LLC; March Networks, Inc. and 3VR Security, Inc. in Case No. 2:13-cv-52, also in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Marshall Division. The Court in that case held a claim construction hearing and issued a claim construction order construing the terms of the ‘345 and ‘346 Patents. That case has now been completely resolved and dismissed. Trover and Security Center further filed an action for patent infringement against Vicon Industries, Inc. in Case No. 2:14-cv-872 in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Marshall Division. That case has likewise been completely resolved and dismissed.

### **PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

9. On May 12, 1998, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (“PTO”) issued the ‘345 and ‘346 Patents, entitled “Image Retention and Information Security System,” after a full and fair examination. The ‘345 Patent relates generally to video monitoring systems, and in particular to such systems that store and retrieve images and related transaction data by the use of computer equipment and digital storage. The ‘346 Patent relates generally to video monitoring systems, and in particular to such systems that store images based on the detection of changes in the pixilation between images.

10. The ‘345 Patent includes three independent claims and six dependent claims, and the ‘346 Patent contains five independent and two dependent claims.

11. The ‘345 and ‘346 Patents were originally assigned to Dozier Financial Corporation, a company owned and controlled by Charles Dozier (“Dozier”), one of the named

inventors of both patents, and his family. Dozier Financial Corporation later changed its name to Trover Group, Inc. Plaintiff Trover is the successor-in-interest to Dozier Financial Corporation and is the assignee of all rights, title and interest in and to the ‘345 and ‘346 Patents and possesses all rights of recovery under the ‘345 and ‘346 Patents. Plaintiff Security Center is also a business owned and controlled by Dozier and his family that has been granted an exclusive license of the ‘345 and ‘346 Patents from Trover. Security Center manufactures and sells the IRIS DVS, IRIS Total Vision and EyzOn products, which are commercial embodiments of the ‘345 and ‘346 Patents. As the exclusive licensee of the ‘345 and ‘346 Patents, Security Center has the right to enforce each patent and to recover all damages available under law. Security Center also has the right to seek injunctive relief with respect to the ‘345 and ‘346 Patents.

#### **Infringement of the ‘345 and ‘346 Patents**

12. FireKing manufactures and sells to customers within the United States numerous video recording devices under the name “Image Vault” that infringe the ‘345 and/or ‘346 Patents, including but not limited to the following (collectively “Accused Products”): Command; Pro-Command; and Command-RTS.

13. FireKing manufactures and sells the Accused Products to customers in the United States. The Accused Products allow images to be compressed in various formats, including JPEG and/or MJPEG. The Accused Products also allow images to be captured along with transaction data, such that the images and the transaction data can be stored and later retrieved for examination. The Accused Products also include motion detection functionality that compares two digitized images to determine if there has been a change in the pixels of the images that exceeds a set threshold. If such a change is determined to have occurred, then the second image is saved. Later the saved images can be retrieved for examination.

14. FireKing tests, demonstrates and provides training on how to operate the Accused Products in the United States. For example, FireKing routinely participates in industry trade shows such as the ISC West trade show held every year in Las Vegas, Nevada, or the ASIS trade show, held at various locations throughout the United States. At these trade shows, Image Vault has displayed one or more of the Accused Products and has provided demonstrations of the various functions and features of those products, including the motion detection feature. In addition, FireKing provides project management services to its customers that includes consultation with its customers to determine the appropriate hardware, including video surveillance equipment to install, and also provides training to teach its customers how to operate such equipment. Upon information and belief, FireKing routinely tests the Accused Products in the United States to verify that the products operate as they are designed and intended.

15. The Accused Products infringe the ‘345 and/or ‘346 Patents and compete with the Security Center’s line of IRIS products.

**FireKing Has Knowledge of the ‘345 and ‘346 Patents**

16. The Security Center has consistently marked its IRIS DVS, IRIS Total Vision, and EyzOn products with the patent numbers for the ‘345 and ‘346 Patents since they first issued. The Security Center has publicly displayed its IRIS DVS and IRIS Total Vision products at numerous industry trade shows and conventions held at various locations through the years. The Security Center publicly displayed its EyzOn camera at the 2013 ISC West trade show and convention in Las Vegas in May of 2013. FireKing was also an exhibitor at the same trade show. Upon information and belief, employees or representatives from FireKing visited the Security Center’s booth and would have seen the IRIS and EyzOn products, and a copy of the ‘345 and ‘346 Patents that were also on display.

17. The ‘345 Patent has been cited as prior art with respect to at least 13 patent applications considered by the PTO. More significantly, the ‘346 Patent has been cited as prior art with respect to at least 68 patent applications.

18. FireKing has had actual knowledge of the ‘346 Patent since at least the date on which it was served with a copy of this Complaint.

**COUNT ONE: PATENT INFRINGEMENT OF THE ‘345 PATENT**

19. Trover and the Security Center reallege paragraphs 1 through 18 herein.

20. Defendant FireKing has infringed and continues to infringe the ‘345 Patent by making, using, selling, or offering for sale in the United States, including in the Eastern District of Texas, systems, products and devices, and/or by undertaking processes and methods embodying the patented inventions without authority. By way of example, and without limitation, FireKing manufactures and sells within the United States digital video recorders, “hybrid” video recorders and network video recorders, including the Command, Pro-Command, and Command-RTS. By manufacturing and selling these products, FireKing directly infringes the ‘345 Patent. FireKing also actively, intentionally and/or knowingly induces or contributes to the infringement of the ‘345 Patent by others.

21. FireKing’s infringement of the ‘345 Patent has been and continues to be willful.

22. Unless enjoined by this Court, FireKing will continue to infringe the ‘345 Patent through its manufacture and sales of the Accused Products.

**COUNT TWO: PATENT INFRINGEMENT OF THE ‘346 PATENT**

23. Trover and Security Center reallege paragraphs 1 through 22 herein.

24. By testing, demonstrating, and training its customers on the operations and functionalities of the Accused Products in the United States, including but not limited to the motion

detection feature or functionality, FireKing directly infringes one or more of Claims 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the ‘346 Patent, either literally or through the doctrine of equivalents. In addition, by selling and offering to sell these products to customers in the United States, FireKing is actively, intentionally, and/or knowingly inducing or contributing to the infringement of one or more of Claims 4, 5, 6 and 7 the ‘346 Patent by others, either literally or through the doctrine of equivalents.

25. The Accused Products have no substantial uses that do not infringe the ‘346 Patent.

26. Unless enjoined by this Court, FireKing will continue to infringe the ‘346 Patent through its sales of these products.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

27. The Plaintiffs have satisfied all conditions precedent to filing this action, or any such conditions that have not been satisfied have been waived.

28. Through this pleading, the Plaintiffs have not elected any one remedy to which they may be entitled, separately or collectively, over any other remedy.

#### **RELIEF**

Plaintiffs Trover and Security Center respectfully request the following relief:

- A. That the Court issue a preliminary injunction against FireKing, enjoining it from making, using, selling, or offering for sale in the United States any products, and from undertaking any processes or methods embodying the patented inventions claimed in the ‘345 and/or ‘346 Patents during the pendency of this case;
- B. That the Court issue a permanent injunction against FireKing from making, using, selling, or offering for sale in the United States any products, and from undertaking any processes or methods embodying the patented inventions claimed in the ‘345 and/or ‘346 Patents;

- C. That the Court award damages to Plaintiffs Trover and Security Center to which each is entitled;
- D. That the Court declare this to be an “exceptional” case under 35 U.S.C. § 285;
- E. That the Court award pre-judgment and post-judgment interest on such damages at the highest rates allowed by law;
- F. That the Court award Plaintiffs Trover and Security Center their costs and attorneys’ fees incurred in this action; and
- G. That the Court award such other and further relief, at law or in equity, as the Court deems just and proper.

A JURY TRIAL IS DEMANDED BY PLAINTIFFS TROVER GROUP, INC. AND SECURITY CENTER, INC.

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